

# SAFESTAT REPORT

DPS/Highway Patrol Division  
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## Overview

Northern Command officers investigated 292 crashes during the month of June 2008, which is a decrease when compared to the 318 crashes investigated one year ago. The decrease was realized in both property damage and injury crashes. However, there was an increase in the number of fatality accidents from three in June 2007 to six in June 2008 resulting in six deaths. Seventeen of the 292 crashes investigated involved impaired drivers and thirty of the 292 crashes involved commercial vehicles. When compared to May of 2008, the command experienced only a 5.8% increase or 16 crashes.

Overall enforcement activity also increased when compared to June of 2007. The total number of violations produced by Northern Command officers was 7,623 compared to 5,228 in June of 2007. Hazardous moving violations and Occupant restraint violations both realized 49% increases in enforcement action. Driving under the influence arrests totaled 133 for the month of June, which is an increase from June 07 by fifteen arrests and a decrease from May of 2008 by ten arrests. The Carson/Tahoe/Minden District contributed greatly to the Northern Command total enforcement with 1,975 total violations from 1,495 citations as a result of 2,372 traffic stops.

The Commercial Vehicle section completed 464 safety inspections and 1,317 safety violations-repair orders, which was a decrease from June of 2007 and May of 2008. The commercial section weighed 1,428 trucks, which was a significant increase from 818 trucks in June of 2007 and 127 trucks in May of 2008.

The Administrative Services section, front office personnel processed 293 accident reports, 262 arrest reports and 3,682 citations. The communication center logged 15,126 CAD incidents and 17,268 telephone calls. The court/warrants personnel received 907 warrants while entering 239 warrants into the system. The evidence section received 35 new cases with 89 items.

During the month of June 2008, the Northern Command had the privilege to recognize and honor two troopers for thirty years of service to the Division. Both Trooper Jeff Leathley and Trooper Mike Walsh were presented with gold clock plaques by Deputy Chief Almaraz and a Colonel's coin by Chief Chris Perry.

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**NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

	June 08	June 07	% Change	May 08	% Change
Total Crashes	292	318	-8.2%	276	5.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	198	217	-8.8%	188	5.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	88	98	-10.2%	83	4.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6	3	100.0%	5	20.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	17	10	70.0%	22	-22.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6	2	200.0%	6	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	30	14	114.3%	17	76.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	25	7	257.1%	13	92.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	7	-57.1%	3	0.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%

**Crash Analysis**

- *Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes* 2%
- *Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes* 5.8%
- *Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total persons killed* 33%
- *Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes* 10%

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	June -08		June -07	% Change		May 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	17		9	88.9%		22	-22.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	116		109	6.4%		121	-4.1%
Other Arrests	493		469	5.1%		574	-14.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	234		216	8.3%		260	-10.0%
Speed violations	2293		2055	11.6%		2280	0.6%
Hazardous moving violations	871		584	49.1%		907	-4.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	440		295	49.2%		710	-38.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	7623		5228	45.8%		9180	-17.0%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	6		12	-50.0%		21	-71.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	12		9	33.3%		21	-42.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	464		573	-19.0%		696	-33.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	277		277	0.0%		350	-20.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1317		1820	-27.6%		2127	-38.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	53		89	-40.4%		88	-39.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	68		70	-2.9%		77	-11.7%
Total school buses inspected	0		20	2000.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1428		818	74.6%		127	1024.4%
Total overweight citations	15		21	-28.6%		30	-50.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	234		288	-18.8%		381	-38.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		3	400.0%		1	1400.0%

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June 2008		June 2007	% Change		May 2008	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	243784		383852	-36.50%		283169	-13.90%
CAD Incidents	15126		16788	-9.90%		17925	-15.60%
Telephone Calls	17268		24054	-28.20%		16950	+1.90%
CAD Logs	145644		106324	+37.00%		148605	-2.00%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	293		322	-9.00%		266	+10.15%
Arrest Reports Processed	226		233	-3.00%		235	-3.83%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	11		25	-56.00%		33	-66.67%
Office Accident Reports Taken	12		17	-29.41%		6	+100.00%
Citations Processed	3682		4386	-16.05%		4092	-10.02%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1		4	-75.00%		4	-75.00%
Visitors at Counter	68		N/A	N/A		60	+13.33%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$717.50/AD		\$951.50	-26.19%		\$720.00	-0.35%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	907		710	+27.7%		538	68.60%
Warrants Entered	239		313	-23.60%		163	+46.6%
Warrants Cleared	459		799	-42.60%		252	+82.1%
Warrants Validated	677		2274	-70.20%		2618	-74.10%
Extradition / Transports	24		30	-20.00%		23	+4.34%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New NHP Cases Submitted	35		33	+6.06%		38	-7.89%
New NHP Items Submitted	89		51	+74.50 %		159	-44.02%
Items Disposed	4		47	-91.48%		34	-88.23%

### EVIDENCE

- Parole and Probation submitted seven new cases and had 33 new items submitted.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions

**IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.2%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 35 years old

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Seven (7) Contracts using hours 238.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$15,592.85

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
510	6	14	0	7

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
76	375	6	0	0	0

**Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:**

- Several interviews with the local media in anticipation of the 2008 Special Olympics Summer Games taking place in Reno on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. To jump-start the sporting events, a VIP dinner labeled the "Dinner of Champions" was held in the backyard of the Governor's Mansion on the evening of June 5<sup>th</sup>. Athletes and officers also completed a symbolic law enforcement torch run that departed the Mansion ground and finished at the State Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial.
- Spoke at six (6) Driver's Education classes during the month. Topics such as common accident causing contributing factors, crash dynamics, impaired driving, and seatbelts were some of the topic items highlighted to each class.
- The Department also was part of the annual International Gaming Technology (IGT) Safety Fair and Expo on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. This was our fifth year participating in this event where over eight hundred (800) employees had the opportunity to ask questions and receive information regarding highway and traffic safety.
- We had the unique opportunity of participating in the "Special Kids" Rodeo on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Area public safety personnel helped bring smiles to dozens of kids as they participated in their 5:00 pm events on both evenings. Plastic "junior trooper" badges were presented to all of the participants!



**FLIGHT OPERATIONS**

The Northern Command aircraft made eighteen (18) flights during the month of June for 36.9 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
5	17.7	48	Speed Enforcement
7	14.1	38	Prisoner Transport
2	2	5	NDOT
1	2	5	Property Transport
2	.8	2	Air Shows
1	.3	1	Observer Training

Eight (8) speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; five (5) were flown. Two (2) were cancelled for maintenance and one (1) was cancelled due to a lack of work force. The enforcement breakdown is as follows:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	198
Hazardous	9
Non-Hazardous	28
Seat belt	10

During the course of enforcement activities, three (3) motorists were assisted.

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